homoeopathic medicines and to perform sterility tests;

(b) whether the Director of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad, in contravention of his statutory powers, has carried out testing of imported samples of homoeopathic medicine, Cineraria Maritima Succus, including sterility tests;

(c) whether he has issued test reports in the Indian Express dated the 7th July, 1989, declaring Cineraria Maritima Succus of West Germany as of substandard quality;

(d) under what provision of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, the Director of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia, Ghaziabad is carrying out such testing activity; and

(e) whether the activities of Director of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Ghaziabad, are in violation of the provision of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act; if so, the nature of disciplinary action, proposed to be taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d) and (e) Dr. P. N. Verma, Director of the Laboratory has been appointed as a Government Analyst for the whole of India in respect of Homoeopathic medicines in terms of Sub-Section (2) of Section 20 read with Section 3C (ii) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. It is the duty of the Government Analyst under Rule 45 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 to cause to be analysed or tested samples of drugs as may be sent to him in the prescribed manner. The testing/analysis of drugs thus does not constitute any contravention of the powers of the Government Analyst.

(c) No, Sir. The news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 7.7.1989 did not contain any test report. The test/analysis reports are issued in Form 13 as required under the Drugs Rules.

Waiting list of telephone connections in Shahadra

2598. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will he Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the waiting list for new telephone connections in Shahadra East with level No. 228 is the largest in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of new telephone connections given in the first quarter of the current year in Shahadra Exchange with level No. 228; and

(c) the number of new telephone connections proposed to be given during the current year; quarter-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, 372 new lines have been given in the first quarter of the current year.

(c) There is no immediate plan for providing more connections in Shahadra area during remaining part of the current year.

Waiting list of telephone connections in Delhi

2599. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Times of India dated 11th April, 1989 under the caption 'Responding to the needs of tommorrow' wherein the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. has claimed that the waiting list of Delhi has been reduced to eight years;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the waiting list of Shahadra East has not touched even over the registrants of January, 1980; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take to clear the waiting